

Today's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
OF BEST MANUFACTURE,
COTTAGE PIANO, &c. &c.

THE Undermentioned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
SATURDAY, the 11th May, 1895,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.
at No. 23, WYNDHAM STREET.

The whole of the
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Consisting of—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in FINE SILK
TAPESTRY and PLUS, MARBLE-TOP and
FANCY TABLES, CANTON BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE, VERY HANDSOME
BEVELLED OVERMANTLES and MANTEL
DRAPERIES, FRENCH GILT MANTEL
CLOCK & SIDE PIECES MARBLE-CLOCK,
FINE ENGRAVINGS and PAINTINGS,
ORNAMENTS, PLAQUES, &c. &c.

COTTAGE PIANO, by FAIRBANKS, with IRON
FRAME and CHECK ACTION, VELVET
PILR and BRUSSELS CARPET, STAIR
CARPETING, RUSSIAN BRASS CORNICES
and WHITE LACE CURTAINS, BRASS
RAILED FENDERS, &c. &c.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE & CHAIRS,
HALL & HOLT-MADE SIDEBORD and
MIRROR, DINNER WAGGON, DINNER
& DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE
and GLASS WARE CUTLERY, PANTRY
REQUISITES, &c. &c.

ONE DOUBLE BRASS BEDSTEAD and
SEVERAL DOUBLE IRON and BRASS
MOUNTED BEDSTEADS with WIRE and
HAIR MATTRESSES, &c. &c.

SOME MARBLE-TOP LADIES' BUREAUX
with BEVELLED GLASSES, MARBLE-TOP
WASHSTAND and SETS VERY FINE
DOUBLED and SINGLE WARDROBES with
BEVELLED GLASS DOORS, RED PLUSH
SOFA and ARM CHAIR, SILK TAPESTRY
BED-ROOM SUITES, CYLINDER DESK
with BOOK-CASE, ROCKING CHAIRS,
HALL FURNITURE, &c. &c.

IRON COOKING STOVE, &c. &c.
SHANGHAI BATHS and BATH-ROOM
REQUISITES, &c. &c.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On View
from FRIDAY, the 10th May.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
GEO. F. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [601]

ST. JOHN'S LODGE
OF HONGKONG, No. 613, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONRY
HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY, the 11th
instant, at 8.30 p.m. weekly. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1599]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**
FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND
SOERABAYA.

THE Steamship
"SHANTUNG,"
Captain Frampton, will be despatched on WED-
NESDAY, the 8th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [572]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
THE Steamship
"BOGSTAD,"
will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 9th
instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1551]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
THE Company's Steamship
"VOLUTE,"
Captain E. Stett, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 8th instant, at Daylight,
instead of as previously notified.
For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1523]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, SINGAPORE,
BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

THE Steamship
"HUPEH,"
Captain Quill, will be despatched on WEDNES-
DAY, the 8th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1545]

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND
BOMBAY.

THE Steamship
"ARROYO,"
Captain R. Samuel, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at Noon.
For Freight, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1586]

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND
SOERABAYA.

THE Steamship
"CROMARTY,"
Captain Duncan, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1598]

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"MATHILDE,"
Captain Moos, will be despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 12th instant, instead of
as previously advertised.
For Freight, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1597]

Today's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE Sale of the Undermentioned Properties
has been POSTPONED to FRIDAY and
SATURDAY, the 17th and 18th May, 1895.
C. EWENS,
Solicitor.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received
instructions from the MORTGAGEE
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
the 17th and 18th day of May, 1895,
at 2.30 o'clock in the Afternoon at the Premises
THE FOLLOWING
LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES,
Situate at Victoria, Hongkong, in Lots.

Lot 1.—SECTION A of MARINE LOT No. 214,
with the message thereon No. 26, Wing
Lok Street.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$12.34.

Lot 2.—ALL the VENDOR'S right benefit
interest and advantage in the Southern moiety
of the Reclamation of Marine Lot No. 214
subject to the payment of \$3.50 and all other
monies (if any) now or hereafter to become due
or payable in respect of the said Reclamation.

Lot 3.—SECTION D of MARINE LOT No. 198
with the message thereon No. 226, Praya
West.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$19.00.

Lot 4.—ALL the VENDOR'S right benefit
interest and advantage of and in the Reclamation
or Extension Sea-wards in front of Section
D of Marine Lot No. 198 subject to the payment
of the instalments and all other monies (if any)
now or hereafter to become due or payable
in respect thereof.

Lot 5.—SECTION I of MARINE LOT No. 198
with the message thereon No. 6, Sai Wo
Lane.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$7.37.

Lot 6.—SECTION E of MARINE LOT No. 199
with the message thereon No. 214, Praya
West.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$22.

Lot 7.—ALL the VENDOR'S right benefit
interest and advantage of and in the Reclamation
or Extension Sea-wards in front of Section
E of Marine Lot No. 199 subject to the payment
of the instalments and all other monies (if any)
now or hereafter to become due or payable
in respect thereof.

Lot 8.—SECTION M of MARINE LOT No. 199
with the messages thereon Nos. 377 and
379, Queen's Road West.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$15.

The above LOTS are Sold subject to existing
Tenancies.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of
Sale, apply to
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Lot 1.—SUB-SECTION 2 of SECTION B of
INLAND LOT No. 1 with the message thereon
No. 230, Queen's Road Central.

Lot 2.—SECTION B of INLAND LOT No. 5A
with message thereon No. 234, Queen's
Road Central.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$3.25.

Lot 3 & 4.—SECTION G of MARINE LOT
No. 199 with the messages thereon Nos. 215
and 217, Praya West.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$4.12.

Lot 5.—ALL the VENDOR'S right benefit
interest and advantage of and in the Reclamation
or Extension Sea-wards in front of Section G
of Marine Lot No. 199 subject to the payment
of the instalments and all other monies (if any)
now or hereafter to become due or payable in
respect of the Praya Reclamation.

Lot 6.—SECTION O of MARINE LOT No. 199
with the message thereon No. 283, Queen's
Road West.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$7.50.

Lot 7.—REMAINING PORTION of
MARINE LOT No. 199 with the message No. 4,
Sai Wo Lane.

ANNUAL CROWN RENT \$7.50.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "HOHENZOLLERN,"
FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE above named Steamer having arrived,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed
that their Goods, with the exception of Opium,
Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and
stored at their risk in the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 15th instant, will be sub-
jected to sale.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns where they will be
examined on MONDAY, the 13th instant, at 3
P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 15th inst.
or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
J. M. ARMSTRONG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1597]

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**THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
OWING to the serious illness of
MR. SAVILLE SMITH,
THE THEATRE WILL BE CLOSED for a
FEW NIGHTS.

Due Notice will be given of the next
Performance.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1895. [1592]

Intimations.

**DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.**

AERATED WATERS.
SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s Waters are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S
and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [157]

**A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.**
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1847.

WINE AND SPIRITS.
ALL these are Selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand,
imported in Wood and Bottled by ourselves,
thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling
us to supply the best growths at moderate
prices.

PRICE LIST, WITH FULL DETAILS, TO BE HAD
ON APPLICATION.

PORT:—After removal should be rested a
month before use. When required for
drinking at once it should be ordered to be
decanted at the Dispensary before being
sent out.

SHERRY:—Excellent dinner and after dinner
Wines, of very superior vintage. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET:—Our Claret is the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the vines of the grapes and are not
artificially made from raisins and currents,
as is generally the case with cheap Wines.

BRANDY:—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY:—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked
"E" is universally popular and is pro-
duced by the best local distillers.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 6, 1895.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BILL.

THE *Government Gazette* of the 4th instant
contains a notice to the effect that the
Trustees of the Hongkong Public Library
intend at an early date to apply for an
ordinance to provide for the incorporation
of a body to take over and maintain
the Hongkong Public Library. The
preamble to the Bill, published in the
same number of the *Gazette*, sets out that,
in the month of July, 1894, the Hongkong
Public Library was established and has
been hitherto supported and carried on by
voluntary contributions; that it is
expedient to give it a legal status and to
endow it with public funds, and that
Messrs. GEORGE B. DONWELL, J. H.
STEWART LOCKHART and ROBERT SNEHAN
have satisfied the Governor that they are
the present Trustees of the said Library.

All this is news to us and, we believe,
to the public generally. We know of the
City Hall Library, vested in the Trustees
of the City Hall, of the Club Library,
the property of the members of the
Hongkong Club, of the Odd Volumes
Library, of a thousand volumes or so,
principally novels, but we are bound to
confess that of the existence of "THE
HONGKONG PUBLIC LIBRARY" we
never heard before. Where is it? Who
started it? Who christened it? Has any
one ever seen a catalogue of the books
belonging to it? Of how many volumes
does this Library consist? Who subscribe
to it? Was there any prospectus or
advertisement published when it was
started? Where is to be found any
statement of its form or constitution, or
of its rules or objects? We don't offer
any reward for answers to these questions,
but we should like to have them answered
nevertheless.

It is rather startling to find that for
the last ten months there has existed in
the Colony, without our knowledge, a
valuable institution in the nature of a
public library, of such magnitude and so
thoroughly well established, and of a
utility so generally recognised, that it feels
itself entitled to ask for legislative recogni-
tion, for incorporation by Ordinance, and
for an endowment out of the public fund.
That it was, and is highly desirable that
a public library, properly organised and
supported, should, if it were possible, be
founded in Hongkong, we have always
conceded that the first step towards
the formation of such a library
must be the acquisition, for the public,
of the City Hall Library, we believed
it is by far the largest collection
of books in the colony and in its way a
very valuable collection and a proper
nucleus of a public library—and that such
a library, when fairly started, and after
having given satisfactory proof of its
ability to exist and carry on, might some
day not unfairly claim incorporation and
endowment we were fully prepared to
admit, but it has fairly taken us off our
feet to learn that all these things have been
done; that the Hongkong Public Library has
been founded; that it has met with such
general recognition and support as to
ensure its continued existence; that it has
overcome the scruples of the Trustees
of the City Hall and secured the books
forming that Library; that it has members,
fellows, perhaps, has held meetings,
drawn up rules, elected Trustees, holds
property and funds and is in a position to
ask for recognition from the Legislature
and for a permanent endowment from the
public funds. We confess we do not
understand it and hope that before any
such Bill is actually introduced and read
a first time in Council its promoters will
before the public some statement
about themselves and the proposed public
library that will enable the community to
form an opinion of its merits or
demerits.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.
LONDON, May 4th.

The *Journal des Debats* learns that Japan
has offered to surrender her claim to the Liaoning
Peninsula with the exception of Port Arthur,
proposing some equivalent for this concession,
the nature of which has not yet been decided
upon.

A satisfactory settlement of the question is
imminent.

(Special to *Shanghai Mercury*.)

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.
TIENTSIN, April 27th.

A telegram has been received here to-day
stating that affairs between Russia and Japan
are becoming very serious.

REPORTS FROM TIENTSIN.
TIENTSIN, April 27th.

It is reported amongst the high officials that
England is to support Japan against Russia's
demands, and Japan has been advised not to
listen to the remonstrances of other Powers.

**RUSSIA SENDS AN ULTIMATUM TO
JAPAN.**
TIENTSIN, April 27th.

The Russian Government has sent an ultima-
tum to Japan. (The Russian Fleet has been
ordered to rendezvous off Kobe, and all leave to
the officers has been withdrawn.)

**HERR VON BRANDT CALLED TO
BERLIN.**
Information has been received here that Herr

von Brandt has been called to Berlin to consult
on the present situation. He has been appointed
Assistant-Secretary to the Imperial German
Foreign Office.

**SEARCHING AT THE TAKU BAR
DISCONTINUED.**
SHANGHAI, April 30th.

We (*Mercury*) learn that the Japanese have
discontinued to search vessels arriving at the
Taku Bar, and that all the Japanese war
ships have left that quarter. The lightship and buoys
have been replaced at the Bar.

(Special to *Japan Mail*.)

**THE "TIMES" ON THE TREATY
OF PEACE.**

The *Times*, in its issue of the 1st April,
says:—It is not surprising that much excite-
ment should be created by the terms of peace,
because the political and commercial interests
of European countries may be seriously affected
by the new arrangements. The diplomatic his-
tory of Europe, however, does not bear out the
pretension that European countries have a right
to step in. In the Congress of Vienna, the Great
Powers which entered into agreement had pre-
viously taken part in the risks and charges of the
struggle. In the negotiations which followed
the Crimean War, the interference of the Powers
was strictly limited by their treaty rights, and the
same may be said of European intervention when
the treaty of San Stefano was concluded. But in
all these cases circumstances were exceptional.
Any State which may think its own interests
seriously affected by the Japanese conditions is
entitled to demand their modification, provided
always that it is prepared to accept consequences
as to ourselves, we should have been, perhaps,
better pleased if the respective positions of China
and Japan had remained as before. But this is
not praying for. We must make the best of
the new situation, as no British interests are so
seriously or directly menaced as to justify our
interference at the risk of making inalienable
members of the Japanese. The permanent
result of the war, which is most serious for
England, namely, the rise of a great naval
power, whether it be friendly or hostile, in the
Far East, cannot be altered by any change
in the terms of peace imposed upon China.

We are decidedly of opinion, therefore, that the
Government have acted wisely in refraining
from participation in any pressure upon the
Chinese. It will be observed from this that Russia
failed to furnish us with as much information
on this subject as was possible and expedient.
—Ed. H. K. Telegraph.]

(From *Japanese Papers*.)

THE KOREAN REBEL CHIEF.
SEOUL, April 23rd.

Ben Han-jun, leader of the Tonghak, was
to-day sentenced to death.

THE PACIFICATION OF KOREA.
SEOUL, April 23rd.

In response to a request from the Korean
Government, Japanese soldiers are to be pre-
sented in various parts of the peninsula after the close of the Japanese
military operations.

**THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY
OF PEACE.**
PEKING, April 23rd.

The Emperor of China has despatched a
telegrammatic order appointing Chang (a member
of the first Peace Mission) China's Plenipotentiary
to exchange ratifications at Chiao with the
Japanese Plenipotentiary.

SHANGHAI, April 23rd.

Prince Kang, who came down to Tientsin, will
remain there until the exchange of ratifications
is concluded. The Prince was in possession of
an Imperial Message said to be the ratification
of the Emperor of China. Prince Kang has
greatly applauded the services rendered by the
Viceroy Li in connection with the restoration of
peace.

NEW CHINESE RAILWAY.
VICTORY, Chang Ching is reported to have
presented an address to the Throne praying for
the construction of a railway between Peking
and Hankow, and the removal of the capital
from Peking

